

The Local Lounger.

TO BUFFALO BILL.
Thou long of hair, of stalwart form,
Those true, unerring arms can throw
And hit the bounding buffalo
And quickly make it very warm.
For him, O thou of bloody scenes,
Who clashed in battle's rudest shock
With the wild Indians of New York,
And grizzly bears of New Orleans.
Who scalped the Sioux on Boston's plains,
And through wild Cincinnati's woods
And Philadelphia's solitude
Lifted the covering from their brains.
Still let the Brooklyn river flow,
The wild Ohio ocean beat;
Still let the shaggy forest fleet
Tread Pittsburgh's forests to and fro;
But though begirt by London scenes
Shalt ne'er return to wander more
Through the waste wilds of Baltimore
Or the deep woods of New Orleans.
—Yankee Blade.

It is quite a common sight to see persons putting coin in their mouths—especially women, while putting on a glove or while opening a purse with the gloves on their hands. It may be entertaining therefore to remember that Chinamen have the habit of using their ears in lieu of coin purses for the storage of ten cent pieces, carrying often as many as half a dozen in their aural appendages at a time. Another curious custom is that of putting silver and gold coins in the mouths of the dead, which afterwards fall into the hands of the coolies who scrape the bones of the disinterred bodies, and through them pass into general circulation. It is said that a \$50 gold slug was found in the mouth of a Chinese body disinterred in an American Chinese Cemetery recently, while it is a frequent occurrence to find \$5 and \$10 pieces. Of course it is not necessary under the circumstances to say that the practice of putting coins in the mouth is not clean, if not to say unsafe, especially when it is not known whether the Chinaman ever cleaned his ears or whether the deceased died of leprosy, small-pox, or something else as bad.

Noticing that it is the custom in the offices of great journals to get down underneath the private life of men who have become prominent in social and public life, and find that they began life at \$1.50 a day, we have at last come to the conclusion that such a state of affairs is the essential foundation of greatness. You fellows that are enjoying life at \$3 and \$5 a day may as well give up all idea of being president or a judge at a "hoss" race. Your star has set.

We hope that the recent report of the discovery of another national gas well at Mendota may prove to be unfounded. Not that we wish to see the possibilities of Mendota's progress retarded, but because we are an intense friend of Hon. E. S. Browne. Nick Cummlags had to leave for Streator, where there is no natural gas, and we fear for Browne with a throbbing fear of despair.

We notice with an extreme degree of helplessness that Mrs. Sachs, the St. Louis woman who threw the pancake into Mrs. Cleveland's lap, is posing as an attraction at a dime museum at \$500 per month. This opens to the women of our broad, free land a new and attractive field into which their yearning souls may rest in soft, dreamy bliss. Now let somebody expectorate on Mr. Cleveland's boots, pull Mrs. C's hair, or appropriate the toothpick used by him on inauguration day. If any one has taste in this direction, let him cultivate it. It is worth \$500 per month, or possibly \$600.

The camel backed bridge,
That o'er the "canawl"
On La Salle St. hath stood
Full many a squall;
The boards and the timbers,
That through the long night,
Of our childhood and youth,
Have witnessed free fights;
The "blud," hair and flesh,
On the spikes and the nails,
That for many a year,
Have echoed their walls;
All these things must go,
From the wind and the storm,
No man will find refuge.

Or anything else that he can lay his hands on around that bridge until the weather grows wonderfully and fearfully warm.

The Georgia minstrel show on Tuesday evening proves that we still have the "minstrel" dance and minstrel joke. That well known figure seen at all minstrel shows: the man whose hair has grown thin on the top of his head, with a grey fringe around the bare spot, was there, just as Punk pictured him lately, laughing with delight as he recognized one of the side splitters of youth. At the same time he wondered, what has become of the old merry makers? Billy Rice is still on the road with Sweetnam, Rice & Co., said to be the same old Billy he was years ago, only he has lost his old "hoochee-koochee" which, years ago, never failed to convulse an audience when he accompanied it with that familiar grimace. His old *vis-a-vis* on the end, Billy Manning, long since died of consumption. Then there was Birch, Wambold and Backus, a famous trio, and Cal Wagner, Billy Arlington, Ben Cotton, Sam Sharpley, Luke Schoolcraft, Kelly, Leon, Duprez and Benelct, Newcomb, Kersands and a score of others who graced the semi-circle of the days before negro minstrelsy became an indifferent variety show and a winter's job for contortionists. One wonders what has become of them. Ben Cotton has retired having, perhaps, at last worn out "Uncle Tom" and is keeping saloon in San Francisco. Billy Arlington when last heard of was giving banjo monologues in Kansas school houses. Some others are dead or dying. Others have tumbled into obscurity. But the wind blows through the whalers of their ancient jokes and a rising genera-

tion thinks it is seeing and hearing the "negro minstrels" of its fathers, but it is not. The way is long, the day is cold and the once popular minstrel is infirm and old—he has gone. The sleight-of-hand man, contortionist and the hamfatter from the variety stage have profaned the name of minstrelsy, and the darkey of the plantation has ambled off the stage never to return.

Narrow Escape.
At about half past nine o'clock on Monday evening the fast freight on the Rock Island, and an extra on the C. B. & Q. road, came together at the crossing on Webster street, with the result of smashing two freight cars of the Rock Island and the Q engine, Old Dolly, into smithereens.

There were two trains on the Rock Island track and when the first one pulled out and crossed the crossing, Gus Splack, the engineer of the Q train, who had just taken water, supposing that the crossing was clear, paid no attention to it, and forged ahead at a good rate of speed. When he had proceeded so far that the momentum attained could not be checked, he saw the headlight of the Rock Island freight cars on the track, and a moment later crashed into its fifth car. As soon as his engine struck it parted from the tender and rolled down the embankment, while the car struck and slid over the top of it, and telescoped the cab. Gus had a very narrow escape from death, for had the tender followed the engine he would now be in spirit land. Goods and apples, the freight of the two smashed cars, were scattered around in great confusion, the tracks were bent and broken and traffic was retarded for several hours. It was, in fact, not until noon, that the wreck was cleared away.

The Rock Island folks blame the Q, and the Q people blame the Rock Island. 'Twas ever thus.

From Waltham.

WALTHAM, Nov. 25, 1887.—Did you return thanks?

Chas. Lowd a very energetic book agent of Mendota, was in town Tuesday.

Clinton Candee started for Chicago Tuesday morning where he has accepted a lucrative position in a hardware store. We wish him success and wish he will soon be one of the firm.

Niss Hattie Bennett came home Wednesday evening from Ottawa, to partake of a Thanksgiving dinner with her mother. Arrived at Joseph Linzer's on Tuesday—a boy.

School in district No. 7, Dimmick is closed—cause, scarlet fever.

Eddie Grove, son of township treasurer Samuel Grove, came home from Knox college Wednesday to spend Thanksgiving. He will return Monday.

A. O. Esmond entertained his cousin Miss Read, of Grand Ridge, last week.

Miss Ella Brobst has returned after a two months sojourn in Joliet.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sargent, Sr. are visiting their son Charles in Iowa.

The following teachers can be found teaching the young "shoots" with great credit. In dist. No. 7, Miss Delagneau; No. 8, John Cartwright; No. 9, Miss Lillis; No. 5, Miss Carlin; No. 3, Backwell dist; No. 4, James Warrick.

Mrs. A. Coslar accompanied by her three children, Olive, Eli and Mattie, of Geneseo, came up this week to enjoy a few days recreation at the old homestead on the banks of the Pecumaugan, also to attend the wedding of her son William.

The Nuptial Noose, on last Wednesday evening in the Baptist church precisely at forty minutes past eight o'clock. Miss Susie Condee and Mr. Willis Coslar were united in the holy bonds of wedlock. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Charles Boaz. The bride was attended by Miss Annie Croser and the groom by his cousin Samuel Brown, of Iowa, Kansas. After the ceremony their numerous friends extended to the felicitous couple their sincere good wishes.

Our energetic commissioners have just completed the repairing of Road-Cart Av., making it one of the finest drives in the town for our pet-maiters.

A literary is being projected by some of our talented young people who we hope will spare no pains to make it a glorious success if they have to obtain speakers from "Dan to Beersheba." We think, "ere the robins nest again" that it will be a great relief from life's burdens to listen to the young Demostheneses discourse the most difficult questions political and matrimonial. U AND I.

The new apparatus for converting crude petroleum into gas for melting glass in the window glass works here, was thoroughly tested last Tuesday and worked admirably. Its use will dispense with coal for melting purposes, and eventually dispense with the famed Seemen's process, as it is cheaper and makes the clearest glass ever known.

According to the Legal Adviser, which is standard authority on all township questions, commissioners of highways have no right to charge more than \$1.50 per day when working upon the highway even when driving their own teams, and it further says that "there is no law authorizing commissioners of highways to employ their own teams in working on the road." Nor, can they "pay themselves out of the road and bridge money."

Yesterday at 2:30 p. m., at the Rock Island depot, a brakeman named W. A. McKeever, son of Ira McKeever, of Marselles, while coupling cars had his right hand badly crushed between the bumpers. At first it was thought the arm would have to be amputated, but Dr. Dyer decided that the hand could be saved. He dressed the injured member and the wounded man returned to Marselles.

Two crooks, registered as C. H. Mandell and Frank B. Smith, went through the Warner House at Mendota the other night and got away with a considerable booty, among which were a suit of clothes and an overcoat. They claim to be dentists. One of them, Mandell, is a Swede, tall and light complexioned, while the other man was of slender stature, and dark.

Al. Malerhoeffer, our big town clerk, is engaged in taking the census of Ottawa township to ascertain whether or not we are entitled to another supervisor.

NOTE.—We were in error about G. L. Thompson's given name, Thos. G. stands for Gilbert and not George.

A child of James Hemanicks, of Streator, was burned to death in his flaming dwelling on Monday afternoon.

Amboy has raised \$2,000 to experiment in boring for oil, coal, gas, or whatever the drill will bring up.

With Privilege of Return.

There's another reason than yesterday's for not hawking clothing prices to you with your egg at breakfast, your coffee at lunch, your muffins and steak at dinner.

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